

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A computing component is provided for use in a client computer which has a client processor. The computing component includes a remote management processor that is operable to selectively control the client computer independently of the client's own processor or processors.

5 The computing component also includes a network component that facilitates communication between the computing component and a remote management machine. A method of managing one or more clients in a computer system is also provided, where the clients have a client processor and a computing component installed on client. The computing component is independent of the client processor and is operable to selectively control the client. A network component is installed on the computing component. The method includes remotely controlling the client by communicating with the computing component through the network component utilizing a remote manager.

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